Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 31 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 01 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 30 Jan 2023 at 17:37 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday and Wednesday. High for changeable weather to continue for the rest of the week with less cold weather becoming established on Thursday for a time.

Headline for Tuesday 31 Jan 2023: Cold and very windy with frequent snow showers

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 31 Jan 2023

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	60%	80%	80%	80%	80%	70%	70%

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Weather: West to northwesterly gales will bring sunny intervals and frequent snow or hail showers throughout the day, occasionally heavy at times. Snow will be blowing around in the wind with a risk of whiteout conditions at times. Bitterly cold at height in the wind.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in snow and low cloud, cloud down to 750 metres as showers pass by.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	42/50 W	44/55 W	54/66 W	50/63 W	53/66 W	50/62 W	47/59 W	45/58 W	44/57 W
900	40/47 W	42/52 W	50/62 W	47/59 W	49/62 W	47/59 W	45/57 W	43/56 W	41/54 W
600	27/35 W	28/39 W	35/47 W	32/44 W	34/47 W	32/45 W	30/42 W	29/43 W	28/40 W
300	8/36 W	8/38 W	12/47 W	11/45 W	12/48 W	12/45 W	12/42 W	12/43 W	11/41 W
Glen	14/31 W	17/35 W	23/44 W	18/37 W	21/41 W	20/40 W	20/39 W	18/38 W	17/36 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-7	-2/-12	-4/-15	-4/-15	-4/-16	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-14
900	2/-6	-1/-10	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-14	-2/-13	-3/-13	-2/-12	-2/-12
600	4/-2	2/-6	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	0/-8
300	7/4	4/2	1/-3	1/-3	2/-3	2/-3	2/-2	2/-3	2/-2
Glen	9/6	7/2	4/-2	4/-1	4/-2	4/-1	4/-2	4/-1	5/0
Freezing Level*	1200m	800m	400m	400m	400m	500m	500m	500m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very strong winds will make for slow progress and severe wind chill.

Forecast for Wednesday 01 Feb 2023
Weather: Snow showers in the morning period, frequent at first. Becoming drier by the afternoon. Further spells of rain or summit snow may spread northeast later in the evening.

Maximum wind: Westerly 30 mph with gusts of 40 to 50 mph on the higher tops, but nearer 60 to 70 mph at first

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud down to 700 metres as showers by pass otherwise very good visibility with only small amounts of cloud on the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** 0 Celsius rising to 6 Celsius
At 800m: 0 to 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 800 metres, perhaps rising above summit level in the evening.

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